

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on September 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Loy Howard, Rick Jones, Connie Nelms, and Lynda Tucker.

Chairman Loy Howard called the meeting to order. Lynda Tucker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: None

Approve the Agenda: On a motion by Jones, seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Approve Regular Minutes: On a motion by Nelms, seconded by Jones, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the August 2026 meeting.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

Draft of Development Standards for HCWA: Executive Director Beth Cantrell presented a draft of Development Standards for HCWA noting that the document is necessary for distribution to builders and developers. The Board was requested to review the draft prior to the next regular meeting, at which time a vote to approve or disapprove the document will be scheduled.

Holiday Bonus: Executive Director Beth Cantrell requested Board approval to provide holiday hams and turkeys to all employees and board members. Director Cantrell also recommended an increase to the annual Christmas bonus amount for all employees. Upon a motion by Nelms, seconded by Jones, the Board unanimously approved the distribution of the holiday hams and turkeys and the increased Christmas bonus for all employees.

Old Business:

Software Update: Lead Operations Specialist Jennifer Betts provided an update regarding the implementation of the new Valiflo software system. Ms. Betts reported that the system went live today and operations are proceeding smoothly. She noted that office staff are currently training on the new processes and are collaborating closely with Valiflo support personnel to address any minor technical issues as they arise.

Tenaska Update: Director Beth Cantrell provided an update regarding Tenaska's proposal for an infrastructure upgrade to the system, which aims to deliver 250 GPM to the existing plant. Tenaska is

currently evaluating several different options to achieve this capacity. Following discussion, the Board recommended engaging an independent engineering firm to review the proposed options and confirm the estimated project pricing. Director Cantrell will present the findings and bring this matter back for further consideration at the next scheduled meeting.

Reports:

1.) Financial: Chris Barnett, CPA

August 2026

*Income: \$409,596.84

*Expenses: \$297,862.68

*Net Income: \$111,734.16

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: \$29,745.12

2.) Distribution

MONTH	August
NEW INSTALLS	5
LEAKS	26
MAIN BREAKS	2
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	112
WORK ORDERS	91
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	39
DATA LOGS	6
MTR CHANGE OUTS	9
D.O.T. PERMITS	0

3.) WTP: Normal Operations for August.

4.) WWTP: Normal Operations for August.

5.) Additional Board Issues/Concerns: None

Adjourn: Upon motion by Jones and seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.


Loy Howard, Chairman

Date 10-20-26